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## SIEMENS AUTOMOTIVE DISIGNATED AN EXEMPLARY ENVIRONMENTAL ENTERPRISE BY VIRGINIA

AUBURN HILLS, Mich., May 30, 2001 - Siemens Automotive's Newport News, Va., location has been designated as an Exemplary Environmental Enterprise (E3) by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ). The company is one of only three business organizations in the state to receive the E3 designation.

The Newport News location was formally designated an Exemplary Environmental Enterprise by the Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources John Paul Woodley on May 30, 2001, during an on-site award ceremony.

"For Siemens, environmentally conscious conduct is a corporate responsibility that applies to every aspect of our operation," said Siemens Automotive Vice President and General Manager Mehran Rahbar. "This award reflects the on-going commitment to environmental stewardship by all of our employees here in Newport News."

The Exemplary Environmental Enterprise Designation was established by Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) to recognize outstanding leadership in environmental management systems and environmental performance for businesses, industry and government. The program is part of Virginia Innovations for Pollution Prevention (VIP2), a state initiative designed to improve environmental quality through non-traditional approaches that reward innovation and leadership.

In addition to the E3 designation, the Newport News location also has earned the following awards and recognition through its environmental efforts and activities:

- ISO 14001 Certification
- The 2000 Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) Gold Pretreatment Excellence Award
- The 1999 and 1997 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award for Manufacturers
- The 1999 Businesses for the Bay Excellence Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Large Business
- The 1999 Volunteer of the Year Award
- The 1999 HRSD Pollution Prevention Award
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- The 1997 Virginia Peninsula Clean Business Forum Clean Business Award.

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covering gasoline and diesel powertrain systems, safety and chassis systems, body electronics, electric motor drives and driver information systems. Worldwide sales in fiscal year 1999/2000 totaled \$3.7 billion.

Siemens AG, headquartered in Berlin and Munich, is a leading global electronics and engineering company, employing over 447,000 people in 193 countries, with worldwide sales in excess of \$74 billion in fiscal 2000 (10/1/99 - 9/30/00). The United States is Siemens' largest market, where it employs over 73,000 and recorded sales of more than \$17 billion in fiscal 2000. Siemens leads the information and communications, medical, power, automation and control, transportation and lighting sectors by leveraging its unparalleled technological heritage and global network of innovation to deliver business results for its customers around the world.